

Wheaton Swim Club

2010 Age Group State Newsletter



As many of you know, Wheaton Swim Club has been selected by Illinois Swimming to help host the 2010 Age Group State Championship swim meet! This is a great honor and the coaching staff is looking forward to showcasing our club. The meet will be held July 30-Aug 1 at Stevenson High School.

However, this year will be a little different in that we will be CO-HOSTING the meet with Patriot Aquatic Club at Stevenson High School. This means a shared work load and twice as many volunteers to help put on a great meet for the swimmers of Illinois! This is the first time in **Illinois history** that two teams have teamed up to co-host a championship meet. We are extremely excited to combine the talent pools of two great teams, along with the finest facility in the state to run a great meet!

Since this will be a co-hosted meet, most of the administrative work will fall on the coaching staff. However, we will still need a contribution and/or time commitment from EACH family on the team in order to run a great meet. Our team will be responsible for providing timers, concessions workers, admissions volunteers, and hospitality workers throughout the meet. We will also be looking for donations for concessions and hospitality. **We are asking families with and without swimmers participating in the meet volunteer to help in some fashion—before, during, or after the meet.**

AGE GROUP STATE FACTS

- *July 30-Aug 1, 2010 at Stevenson High School
- *Over 1200 athletes from 85 teams
- *3 days long, 3 sessions per day
- *11-12 and 13-14 swim prelims and Finals Fri through Sun
- *10&U swim timed finals Fri/Sat
- *It takes about 125 volunteers to run the Meet
- *Last summer, Wheaton finished 4th
- *This is the first EVER co-hosted meet in Illinois history.



Why Help?

The age group state meet is a 3 day affair with 3 sessions per day. We would like to make the task of running the meet easier for everyone by involving all team members. Also, running a

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great meet helps keep team fees down for everyone, and helps the team purchase new equipment, caps, and t-shirts for ALL swimmers, and provide team scholarship. Wheaton Swim Club is one of the most affordable swim clubs in the area, and we want to ensure that anyone who wants to participate on the team is able to! (Plus, all volunteers get a free t-shirt!!)

National Team Members

Volunteering at this meet is a great way to help out your team, your family, and to earn community service hours (i.e for National Honors Society, etc). Each member of the Nationals team is asked to time for TWO sessions of the meet. With 50+ National Team members, this should cover about half of our timing needs! (Plus you get a free t-shirt). National team members will be receiving full information about how to sign up for the sessions they want in practice this week. We feel it is VERY important for our older kids to be at this meet in support of their younger teammates!

So... What do you Need from Me?

The coaches realize that it takes a full team effort from the entire Wheaton Swim Club family to put on a meet like this. Therefore we have tried to spread the workload out to all families equally. We are asking the following:

- **SPRING ONLY FAMILIES:** Each family who participated in ONLY sessions 1 or 2 this spring, please make a small food or drink donation. Your family's assignment can be found on the Age Group State page of our website, or included in this packet. We would like to have these donations delivered to the team office **before July 9** if possible, so we can deliver them to Stevenson early. Final deadline to deliver drinks to the team office is July 26 – otherwise you will need to bring them to Stevenson during the meet.
- **SUMMER TEAM FAMILIES:** Each family participating in Session 3 (summer), please make one small food or drink donation. Your family's assignment can be found on the Age Group State page of our website, or included in this packet.
 - If you are bringing a drink or non-perishable item, it would be GREAT if you could bring it with you to the Ozzie Meet. Otherwise, please bring it to the team office by July 26, or deliver it to Stevenson when you come.
 - If you are bringing a perishable item, please bring it to Stevenson on the date indicated, or send it with a teammate.
- **SUMMER TEAM FAMILIES:** Each family participating in Session 3 (summer), also please plan on volunteering for 2 sessions of the meet. If everyone volunteers this amount, then we will be able to work in shifts and make the load easier for everyone. You can find a list of the positions you have requested (when you registered for the team) on the Age Group State page, and included in this packet. Please email Jake to request a specific time slot by July 9. After that, all volunteer slots will be assigned based on what is still available.

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- **NATIONAL TEAM MEMBERS:** As stated above, each National team swimmer is also asked to work 2 sessions as a timer. Senior group swimmers and any other swimmer not participating in the meet, we would love to have your help! (Note that this is in addition to your parents helping). Don't forget about the free t-shirt!
- **COACHING STAFF AND SPECIAL HELP:** The entire coaching staff of PAC and WHTN (and even their extended families!) will be working the entire meet, primarily the administrative items. This means that most of the jobs we ask of our families are pretty easy and do not require any training. Additionally, we would like to thank **Carol Floren** and **Patty Ostrowski** in advance for all their work organizing concessions and hospitality, respectively, and Linda Zillier for her help organizing volunteers and donations.

What If I Can't Volunteer?

We know that there may be a few circumstances in which you may not be able to fulfill your volunteer commitment. There are a few options for you:

1. We have a list of students looking for National Honors Society hours. We can provide you with a contact list to cover your shifts. (Swimmers if you want to be on this list, contact Jake).
2. If you are unable to get your shift covered by an NHS student, please arrange to have your shift covered by a National Team member or another family on the team.
3. If you are still unable to cover your shift, please contact the coaching staff by July 15. We may have some special needs before the meet, or be able to come up with another solution.

Advertising & Sponsorships

We have many advertising and sponsorship opportunities for this meet. Any ad you place will count towards next season's fundraising commitment. Ads start as low as \$30 and there are many great options! Drop dead deadline for sponsoring the meet is **July 9**. Final deadline for ads (such as cheering coupons etc) is **July 15**. Please see the Age Group State page or email the coaches for details!

Team Spirit & Apparel

We ask that all Wheaton volunteers wear some kind of team apparel while helping. We have also provided new t-shirts for all volunteers! These will be available at the meet for you. If you would like to purchase any official Meet Apparel, we will have a special pre-order only available to PAC and WHTN parents. This way you can have it waiting for you when you arrive!

Stay Informed

All information about the meet can be found on our team website. Click the logo on the right side of our homepage for full details. Key contacts are the Coaches (any questions), Patty Ostrowski (hospitality), Linda Zillier (donations and volunteers), and Carol Floren (concessions)

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